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SUBJ: PRESENCE OF WESTERN PRESS IN ETHIOPIA

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1. I TOOK OPPORTUNITY OF COURTESY CALL ON NEW FONMIN COL. DR. FELLEKE GEDLE-GHIORGIS MORNING MARCH 29 TO MAKE DEMARCHE AS INSTRUCTED BY REFTEL (A), REFERRING SPECIFICALLY TO OTTAWAY AND WASHINGTON POST AND SUBSTITUTING "AMERICAN" FOR "WESTERN" IN POINTS MADE PARA 4 REFTEL(C). NOTING ARTICLE ABOUT OTTAWAY IN BOTH ADDIS NEWSPATERS (ADDIS 1722), I THEN SPECIFICALLY DENIED OTTAWAY HAD ANY CONNECTION WHATSOEVER WITH CIA, ADDING THAT I WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED WITH PUBLIC LINKING OF HIS NAME WITH CIA, NOT ONLY IN TERMS OF HIS CONTINUED PRESENCE HERE, BUT ALSO, GIVEN GENERAL ATMOSPHERE OF REPEATED PUBLIC LINKING OF CIA TO ETHIOPIA'S "ENEMIES," IN TERMS HIS PHYSICAL SAFETY. IN CONCLUDED BY EXPRESSING STRONG HOPE THAT MEDIA BE ASKED REFRAIN FROM CARRYING ANY FURTHER ARTICLES LINKING OTTAWAY WITH CIA, AND THE FURTHER HOPE THAT EPMG COULD FIND WAY TO DISSOCIATE ITSELF FROM ALLEGATION.

2. FELLEKE MERELY PROMISED TO LOOK INTO MATTER.

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HE EVINCED NO SUPRISE WHEN I RAISED MATTER, BUT THAT WAS ALMOST CERTAINLY BECAUSE FRENCH AMBASSADOR BARBIER HAD SEEN HIM EARLIER THIS MORNING ON ANOTHER MATTER AND, ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM PARIS, ALSO TOOK OPPORTUNITY RAISE SUBJECT ON BEHALF OF FRENCH PRESS. FELLEKE'S REACTION TO FRENCH DEMARCHE WAS THAT HE HAD "NEVER HEARD OF " REPORT, BUT WOULD LOOK INTO IT. BOTH BARBIER

AND I EXPRESSED STRONG HOPE ON BEHALF OF OUR GOVERNMENTS
THAT THERE WAS NO SUBSTANCE TO REPORT.

3. AS SOON AS OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF, PAO WILL
MAKE PARALLEL DEMARCHE TO PERMSEC , MININFO.

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